

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

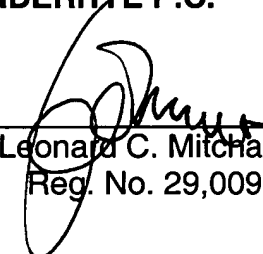
The claims have been amended to be directed to thiochromane compounds and the S-oxidized derivatives (R_x is Formula IIa, A and E are both CH, X_1 is $-Z-A^3-$ and Z is $S(O)_m$). No new matter is entered.

Favorable action is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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